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1. The Ljubenka Chemical Factory in Meate

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- This state-controlled chemical factory located north of the Ljubljana-Zagreb railroad line at Tovarniška Street 41 consists of two plants about 180 meters apart. The east plant is a brick building 120 meters long, 30 meters wide and 15 meters high, with a tile roof. There is a small narrow gauge railroad connecting the two plants. The factory is equipped with twelve Frupp German-made seed-crushing and pressing machines; power is supplied by the normal Slovene electric power net. Before 1945 the factory was owned by Horvat and Company.
  - The most important item produced here is castor oil for airplane motors. At present this is the only plant in Yugoslavia which is able to regenerate used castor oil, even after it has lost up to 75 percent of its viscosity. A regenerating injector invented by Dr. Kramaric, who managed the plant until 1945, is used. The regenerating injector is installed in a tower about 30 meters high; with the addition of 25 percent new oil a special grease is obtained which can withstand extremely high temperatures. Even before World War II, the regeneration system of the factory was so successful that the Royal Yugoslav War and Navy Ministries requested construction of two similar plants in Serbia, but the projects were not carried out because of the war. There is only one other such plant in the Balkans, located in Bulgaria.
  - In addition to castor oil and regenerated oil products, the plant produces various types of varnishes and linseed oil. The total daily production is three carloads. By-products are processed for cattle feed. The plant employs 600 workers and 12 administrative personnel, including chemical engineers.
  - Part of the plant was formerly the Saturnus Drum and Tin Box Factory. It now manufactures 300 fifty-gallon drums per day which are used for Ljubenka oil production. During World War II the Saturnus plant was used by German and Italian occupying armies to produce threshing machines and agricultural implements, and the Ljubenka plant was used to produce sunflower seed oil for domestic use.

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- e. Before World War II castor seeds were imported from India, but at present the seeds are imported from the Soviet Union. Castor plantations have been started in southern Serbia and the Banat region, but thus far their yields have not been adequate to meet the demand. Linseed for the factory is obtained from Yugoslav sources.
- f. Mgr. Grunfeld, the manager, is also chief of the Chemical Industry Section of the Slovene Ministry of Industry. Before World War II Grunfeld was known as a left-wing sympathizer, but now is a silent adversary of the Tito regime. His offices are on Tyrseva Street 1.

2. Medic-Zaski Chemical Factory in Medvode

- a. This state-controlled factory is managed by the Chemical Section of the Slovene Ministry of Industry. It is north of the Medvode railroad station, about 200 yards south of the junction of the Sava and Sora rivers. The plant is a two story brick building, approximately 80 by 25 meters in size.
- b. Prior to October 1947 the plant produced one carload of varnishes, paints and vegetable oils per day. The plant has a complete packing department which manufactures its own containers for shipping. The factory employed about 300 workers and 10 administrative personnel, including chemists. In late October 1947 the factory was severely damaged by fire and is now being rebuilt. Its present production is not known.
- c. Mgr. Jozo Lampic, the present manager, is 36 years old. He was born in Grunice and is thought to be against the Tito regime.

3. The Robert Chemical Factory in Brilj

- a. This state-controlled factory is also managed by the Chemical Section of the Slovene Ministry of Industry. It produces one carload per day of linseed oil and castor oil and employs 120 workers.

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